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**GW TO HONOR CZECH REPUBLIC PRESIDENT VACLAV HAVEL
AT SPECIAL CONVOCATION APRIL 22**

**Human rights champion, poet, playwright, politician
will receive GW President's Medal and address
students, faculty and guests.**

Washington, DC -- The George Washington University will honor His Excellency Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic, in a special convocation Thursday, April 22. The human rights activist, poet, playwright and politician will receive the GW President's Medal and address students, faculty and guests of the University in the 3 p.m. ceremony at the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre (800 21st Street, NW).

"Vaclav Havel's courageous leadership of the dissident movement in Czechoslovakia will long stand as a model for all who cherish freedom," commented GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. "Fearless and dedicated, even while imprisoned, President Havel continued his campaign against Czechoslovakia's Communist oppressors. For the Czechoslovak nation and for the entire world, Havel was truly a prophet of democracy and has continued to affirm his devotion to those principles as president of the new Czech Republic. We are honored by his visit to our campus."

Born in 1936, Havel spent much of his adult life leading the intellectual movement against the violation of civil and political rights by the Communist government. After the 1968 invasion by Soviet and other Warsaw Pact armies, Havel broadcast to the West "an urgent plea for support" from an underground radio station monitored by Radio Free Europe. The ensuing Communist crackdown resulted in a ban of Havel's plays and writings, the revocation of his passport and numerous arrests and jail sentences through the 1970s and 1980s.

His efforts eventually contributed to the "Velvet Revolution" of 1989, when the Communist government was peacefully overthrown, and Havel was elected President of Czechoslovakia by the new Federal Assembly. The following year, Havel began an ambitious

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foreign policy campaign, establishing contacts with Western governments and increasing his country's involvement in the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Such challenges as building industry and integrating into the European Community met Havel after the Czechoslovakia split to become two sovereign states at the beginning of 1993. After being elected president of the new Czech Republic, Havel told the parliament that his role should be to "serve as a guarantee of political stability."

The President's Medal is the highest honor awarded by the president of the University. Established in 1988, the medal recognizes the significant contributions of an individual.

President Havel's participation in the special convocation at GW will be part of his only planned trip to the United States this year. During his April 20-22 visit, he is scheduled to meet with President Clinton and congressional leaders. He will also attend the dedication of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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**U.S. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY DONNA SHALALA TO
DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT GW SPRING COMMENCEMENT ON THE ELLIPSE**

**Shalala, Isaac Stern, William Raspberry, Mona Van Duyn
and Harden Marsden McConnell to receive honorary degrees at May 9
ceremony recognizing over 2,700 GW graduates**

Washington, DC -- The George Washington University will confer honorary degrees upon five outstanding contributors to public service, journalism, music, science and literature at its Spring Commencement ceremony for over 2,700 graduates on the Ellipse May 9. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m., preceded by the academic procession at 9:30 a.m.

United States Health and Human Services Secretary **Donna E. Shalala**, who is among the honorees, will deliver the keynote address. **Angela D. Williams**, who will receive her bachelor of arts degree in international affairs, will serve as student speaker. The 21-year-old Miami, Florida resident was selected in a competition among top members of her class for the honor.

Some 16,000 people expected to attend GW's Spring Commencement, which will be held on the historic oval-shaped park along E Street opposite the south lawn of the White House.

Honorary degree recipients include:

Donna Edna Shalala, doctor of public service. Shalala was nominated by President Bill Clinton on January 20, 1993, to serve as secretary of Health and Human Services in his cabinet. She was sworn into office on January 22, 1993. Shalala is former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin at Madison -- the first woman to head a Big Ten university. Her career has spanned a broad spectrum of activities -- she has been a lecturer and teacher, a Peace Corps volunteer in Iran and director of the Municipal Assistance Corporation, which helped reverse New York City's financial collapse in the mid-1970s. For more than a decade, Shalala has been on the board of the Children's Defense Fund, becoming its chair in 1992.

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William J. Raspberry, doctor of public service. Raspberry is an urban affairs columnist for The Washington Post whose twice-weekly column is nationally syndicated by the Washington Post Writers Group. Prior to joining the Post in 1962, he was a reporter/photographer/editor for the Indianapolis Recorder and also served two years in the U.S. Army. In 1965 Raspberry won the Capital Press Club's "Journalist of the Year" award for his coverage of the Watts riots in Los Angeles.

Isaac Stern, doctor of music honoris causa. Stern is recognized worldwide as one of the foremost violinists of this century. Throughout his more than 50 years as a professional musician, he has appeared on the world's most prestigious concert stages and performed with such musicians as Yo-Yo Ma and Zubin Mehta. Stern has been president of Carnegie Hall for more than 30 years, spearheading drives to save the building from demolition in 1960 and to restore it in 1986. He was an originating member of the National Endowment for the Arts and, in 1992, received this country's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Harden Marsden McConnell, doctor of science honoris causa. McConnell, a GW graduate (B.S. 1947) and world-renowned chemist, is Robert Eckles Swain Professor of Chemistry at Stanford University. He has won the National Academy of Sciences Award in Chemical Sciences, the National Medal of Science and the Peter Debye Award in Physical Chemistry from the American Chemical Society.

McConnell has held several prestigious lectureships, including Venable Lecturer, University of North Carolina; Linus Pauling Distinguished Lecturer, Oregon State University; and Jesse Beams Lecturer, University of Virginia. He is also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the British Biophysical Society and holds honorary membership in the Swedish Biophysical Society.

Mona Van Duyn, doctor of humane letters. Van Duyn is the Library of Congress's poet laureate consultant in poetry. She is the sixth person, and the first woman, to hold the position since "poet laureate" was added in 1985 to the title.

Van Duyn has won all of the major American literary prizes including the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. The Academy of American Poets named her a Fellow in 1980 and one of its 12 Chancellors in 1985. Her collected poems include Valentines to the Wide World, A Time of Bees, Bedtime Stories and Merciful Disguises. She has held distinguished lectureships at the Salzburg (Austria) Seminar in American Studies, the Sewanee Writers Conference and the Breadloaf Writing Conference.

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The Spring Commencement ceremony on the Ellipse will complete a three-day celebration beginning **Friday, May 7th** with the **School of Business and Public Management annual student awards** at 5 p.m. in the Marvin Center Ballroom, 800 21st Street, N.W. Following the award ceremony there will be a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the University Club, Marvin Center third floor.

The doctoral candidate hooding ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 1 p.m. in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. The ceremony will include candidates from Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Public Management, the School of Education and Human Development and the School of Engineering and Applied Science. Candidates will be presented with the doctoral hoods. A reception will follow the ceremony.

At 3 p.m. on May 8th, the **Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony** will take place at the Marine Corps Barracks, 8th and I Streets, S.W., Washington. This ceremony is for graduating NROTC students and their guests.

The Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences will hold faculty presentations at 4 p.m. at various locations on campus. The presentations will be followed by receptions at 5 p.m.

Also at 5 p.m., the **Elliott School of International Affairs will host the annual "Dean's Skaal"** and presentation of Elliott School Awards at the University Club (Marvin Center).

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 8 in the East Hall of Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. This annual black-tie event honors outstanding alumni of the University. This year's award recipients are: Henry C. Duques, president and CEO of American Express Information Services Corp.; Stephen J. Korcheck, president of Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Fla.; John Madden, M.D., clinical professor of surgery at New York Medical College and one of the nation's most prominent surgeons; Carolynn Reid-Wallace, former assistant secretary of education for postsecondary education; John M. Shalikashvili, U.S. Army general; Neil B. Shulman, M.D., associate professor in the Division of Hypertension, Department of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine.

Following the Alumni Achievement Awards at 9 p.m., May 8, a **"Monumental Celebration at Union Station"** will be held for graduates and their families. The party will be held in the Main Hall of Union Station and will feature fabulous desserts, live entertainment and dancing to "Free Spirit."

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The academic procession for Spring Commencement will begin on the Ellipse at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day. The Commencement ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. A reception on the Ellipse, to be held in two football-field-length tents, will follow the ceremony. Each school will have a designated reception area marked by the its colors. The Commencement ceremony will be held -- rain or shine -- on the Ellipse.

Graduation ceremonies for GW's School of Medicine will take place Friday, May 28. The keynote address will be delivered by **Dr. Bernadine Healy**, director, National Institutes of Health. The National Law Center will hold its graduation on Sunday, May 30. The keynote speaker will be **Bernard W. Nussbaum**, counsel to the President of the United States.

Members of the media interested in attending any of these events should contact Nora Kelley or Michael Freedman at (202) 994-6460.

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**STUDIES OUTLINE PUBLIC REACTION AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
RESERVATION-BASED GAMING**

Two reports commissioned by The George Washington University National Indian Policy Center (NIPC) show that not only does a vast majority of the public support the right of Indian tribes to operate gaming facilities on their reservations, but that revenues from those facilities significantly benefit the communities surrounding the reservations.

Both reports, **"Public Opinion Strongly Supports Indian Gaming,"** prepared by federal Indian law expert Glenn M. Feldman, and **"The Economic Impact of Reservation-Based Gaming Activities,"** prepared by Robert Robinson of the Center for Applied Research, are available from the NIPC, 2136 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C., 20052, (202) 676-4401.

The Feldman report is based on 1992 public opinion polls conducted in Washington, Arizona, California and Kansas, as well as a national survey by Harris Poll (which excluded residents of Nevada and New Jersey). All the polls show that, on the average, people living off reservations support Indian gaming much more than

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they do general gaming throughout the state. In the Harris Poll, Indian gaming was supported by an approval rating of more than 2 to 1. (68 percent for, 28 percent against). However, 51 percent of the same respondents disapproved of gaming by the state.

The report also includes reasons given by the respondents in Washington for supporting Indian gaming. Over 80 percent cited either economic considerations -- jobs, revenue and reduction of welfare -- or tribal sovereignty. Feldman points out that those were two of the reasons given by Congress in enacting the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act in 1988.

Estimates for Indian gaming revenues and how they are expended is the focus of the Robinson report. Using estimated 1992 gaming revenues from existing facilities, the report shows that much of the revenues go to expenses related to management, operations and general employment, all which are typically spent on both Indians and non-Indians. Gaming revenues are also a source of capital for tribal governments. The report points out that even these funds can have a direct state-wide impact -- as the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe annually gives \$1 million to a Connecticut tourism promotional campaign.

While the money earned by non-Indian employees, contractors and suppliers certainly benefits the states, the report shows that a considerable amount of Indian wages is also spent off the reservations. The Center's data reflects that a minimum of 50 percent of Indian household income, regardless of how it was

earned, is spent off-reservation. Additionally, 25 percent of those expenditures are subject to state or local sales tax. The report estimates that in 1990 Indian people living on reservations directly contributed more than \$21 million in state sales taxes alone.

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GW HOSTS LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST WITH CONGRESSMAN TOM SAWYER

Sawyer speaks on technology as educational tool in creating competitive workforce

EVENT: Legislative Breakfast on Capitol Hill sponsored by The George Washington University School of Education and Human Development. **Congressman Tom Sawyer** (14th District of Ohio) of the Committee on Education and Labor, addresses "Reaching the Public with Lifelong Learning and Technological Change."

For the 103rd Congress, Sawyer plans to introduce legislation that will develop and maintain a technologically literate citizenry and internationally competitive workforce by encouraging the use of technology as a tool in all aspects of education in America.

WHEN: Friday, May 14, 1993
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Rayburn Building, Room B 340
U.S. House of Representatives
Independence Avenue and South Capitol Street
(Metro Station: Capitol South on the Orange and Blue lines)

COST: \$15 advanced registration UNTIL MAY 5, 1993. (Checks payable to GWU.) Thereafter, \$18 at the door with advance notice via telephone to Dr. John Rosser. For registration, contact Dr. John R. Rosser, School of Education and Human Development, (202) 994-1449.

Background:

Tom Sawyer is a fourth-term member of Congress, having first been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986 to represent the 14th Congressional District of Ohio.

In his second term, Congressman Sawyer was the only one of his Congressional class to earn a subcommittee chair. He still chairs that subcommittee, the Subcommittee on Census, Statistics and Postal Personnel. As chair of the subcommittee, Congressman Sawyer oversaw the 1990 Census and did extensive work on tracking demographic trends in America. His subcommittee is deeply involved in planning for the next census to improve the data collection and accuracy of the reporting.

Congressman Sawyer's in-depth knowledge and understanding of the demographics of the country enables him to lend a unique perspective to education and training policies in his work as a member of the Education and Labor Committee. This has meant Sawyer's active involvement in every education measure in the House since his election. He is the author of the National Literacy Act (Public Law 102-73) and the Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Improvement Act (PL 102-325).

He has been co-sponsor of other critical education measures such as the Excellence and Equity in Education Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. He is currently working on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Congressman Sawyer also serves on the Foreign Affairs Committee, where he sits on the International Security, International Organizations and Human Rights Subcommittee. Most recently, he was appointed to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. In addition to these positions, Congressman Sawyer has been elected by his colleagues as Zone Whip for the state of Ohio in the House.



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GW'S VIRGINIA CAMPUS GRADUATES FIRST CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

March 26 Ceremony Include Northern Virginia Residents

The George Washington University's Center for Career Education and Workshops (CCEW) at the Virginia Campus graduated its first group of certificate program students on March 26, 1993. GW's certificate programs are highly specialized courses of study -- taught by professionals in the field -- designed to either enhance students' current careers or give them a boost toward new ones.

Certificate graduates in the Information System Program were Carol Carmichael, Fairfax; Sharon Hurne, Purcellville; and Jamie Munizza, Ashburn. Supervisory Management graduates were Susan Anderson, Leesburg; Viswa Kumar, Sterling; and Gary Norek, Purcellville. Publication Specialist graduates were Nancy Green, Reston; Judy Hollandsworth, Sterling; and Lynn James, Herndon. Facility Management graduates were Cheryl King, Clifton; Steven Webb, Warrenton; and John Mitchell, Lorton.

The graduates were honored at a ceremony held at GW's Fonger Hall in Washington, D.C. Craig Aramian, director for the GW

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Office of Marketing and Continuing Education, delivered the commencement address.

The ceremony was a unified graduation of certificate students from the Virginia Campus and those from the main campus in Washington, D.C.

A description of the programs follows:

Information Systems Specialist -- provides students with the skills necessary for a career in either telecommunications technology or personal computer hardware and software. Instruction is "hands-on," using the latest computer technology.

Facility Management -- taught at the management level, the courses are designed for facility professionals who wish to update their skills and credentials and for those in related fields who wish to pursue a career in facility management.

Publication Specialist -- emphasizes the development of technical skills, as well as exposure to publication marketing and management, to produce well-rounded publication professionals.

Supervisory Management -- teaches students the art of supervision and other skills leading to higher productivity and improved performance, preparing them for professional positions.

The George Washington University Virginia Campus is located on Route 7, one mile west of Route 28, north of Dulles Airport in Loudoun County. For additional information or to enroll in any of the programs, call Cynthia Larsen, Director, Center for Career Education and Workshops at (703) 729-8210 or toll-free in the metro area (703) 478-8980, Ext. 12.

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INNOVATIVE PROGRAM COMBINES GW'S ENGINEERING AND LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

10 Engineering Freshmen to have Guaranteed Seat in National Law Center Upon Graduation

High school students interested in following engineering school with law school can now secure those plans in advance when they apply to The George Washington University. A new program, tentatively called the "Integrated Engineering-Law Program," will accept up to 10 engineering freshmen a year and guarantee them admission to the GW National Law Center (NLC) upon graduation from the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS). Both admission and continuation in the program are contingent on the students meeting certain conditions.

The new admissions procedure, which is already in place, allows both schools to recruit highly qualified students at the high school level, ensuring a level of excellence in the classroom for many years to come.

"We attract a number of high caliber students in engineering - some of them also want a law degree," SEAS Dean Gideon Frieder said. "This is a way to bring qualified engineers to law."

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A background in both engineering and law is of great benefit to students seeking careers in patent, intellectual property, environmental and energy law. As these and other areas of law become increasingly complex, Frieder said, the lawyers involved in these issues will be better prepared to deal with them if they understand the technical aspects.

NLC Dean Jack H. Friedenthal said the program is "an excellent opportunity for students to pursue a long-term career goal without having a great deal of tension and concern about applying to law school and worrying about admission. It alleviates concerns from the outset and allows students to concentrate fully on engineering."

Friedenthal added that the Intellectual Property Law Program is one area of the NLC that will benefit greatly from the new admissions process. "People who have science and engineering backgrounds can be important contributors because they understand the invention processes that patents entail," he said.

Students interested in the program apply to the NLC at the same time they seek admission to SEAS and must meet certain minimum requirements. Ensuring their slot in the NLC hinges on another set of academic criteria, which is currently being finalized. In addition, the NLC requires the students to maintain the standards of ethical conduct and good character necessary to the study and practice of law.

To help with the transition to law school, SEAS students in

the program will have access to an NLC academic counselor during their junior and senior years.

Frieder, a proponent of multi-disciplinary study, said he is looking into creating similar arrangements with other GW schools.

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**THE COLONNADE GALLERY PRESENTS "SOUTHWEST AMERICAN INDIAN
ARTS AND CRAFTS" MAY 9 - JUNE 11**

EVENT: The Colonnade Gallery presents "Southwest American Indian Arts and Crafts." The tradition of Southwest American Indian crafts will be celebrated in this exhibit, which will trace traditions of Navajo weaving and Pueblo pottery as they have developed through generations of artists.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the National Indian Policy Center and Marvin Center Governing Board. For additional information, contact Suzanne S. Summers, gallery coordinator, at (202) 994-8401.

WHEN: May 9 - June 11, 1993
Seven days a week, 8 a.m. to midnight

Opening Reception: Wednesday, May 19 from 5 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University Colonnade Gallery
Marvin Center, third floor
800 21st Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

COST: Free and open to the public

Background:

Navajo woven rugs usually consist of geometric patterns or, less frequently, designs based on the iconography of sandpaintings.

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Santa Clara pottery is known for its purity of form and classical nature. The exhibit features handmade clay pots from Santa Clara Pueblo, N. M., that were created by several generations of a family of potters, including the following: **Severa Tafoya**, who is a nationally recognized potter from Santa Clara Pueblo; and **Robert Cleto Nichols**, grandson of Severa Tafoya. Tafoya was instrumental in reviving the art of the burnished black pottery among the Tewa Pueblos.

A rug weaving or pottery demonstration will be scheduled for Thursday, May 20. Please call Suzanne S. Summers, gallery coordinator, for details (202) 994-8401.



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**PRESIDENT AND CEO OF HUNTER ASSOCIATES LABORATORY TO BE NAMED
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

WHAT: President and CEO of Hunter Associates Laboratory, Philip S. Hunter to receive The George Washington University School of Business and Public Management Alumnus of the Year Award.

WHERE: The George Washington University
University Club
Marvin Center, 3rd Floor
800 21st Street, NW (two blocks from Foggy Bottom Metro)

WHEN: Thursday, May 6
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

Hunter is a member of the School of Business and Public Management Dean's Associates Council -- a group of Washington area business leaders who advise the School on curriculum matters and on enhancing school programs. He also serves the Virginia community as director on the boards of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the National Employee Stock Ownership Plan Association and the National Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Hunter Associates Laboratory manufactures spectrophotometers and colorimeters, the electronic optical color measuring instruments used by industry in the quality control process which ensures the correct appearance of products. The laboratory also conducts educational seminars and prints technical manuals.

Members of the media interested in covering the event should contact Nora Kelley at the Office of University Relations, (202) 994-3087.